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**Mars Program Office:
Role in Step 2 and Beyond**

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Step 2 / Phase A MPO Support

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- Facilitate Step-2 / Phase-A activities for MEP
 - Enable fast start of CSR contracts for Step-2 investigations
 - Establish and manage CSR contracts as required
- Arrange bridge-funding to cover the first three months of Phase B
 - Work with each Step-2 investigation to develop a plan
 - Exercise the plan only for investigation(s) selected to proceed to Phase B



Phases B, C/D, and E Role of Mars Scout Mission Manager

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- Oversee for MEP the formulation, implementation, and operation of the selected investigation and mission(s) of opportunity, including:
 - Provide programmatic oversight, and technical insight as required
 - Facilitate timely flow of funds
 - Establish and manage contracts as required
 - Coordinate government-furnished services, equipment, and facilities
 - Ensure adherence to 7120.5C
 - Coordinate independent reviews (e.g., IRTs) for major project milestones such as confirmation reviews
 - Conduct monthly status telecon/videocon and quarterly face-to-face progress reports